

Baseball Season Opens Tomorrow—Colleges Active in Battles Here

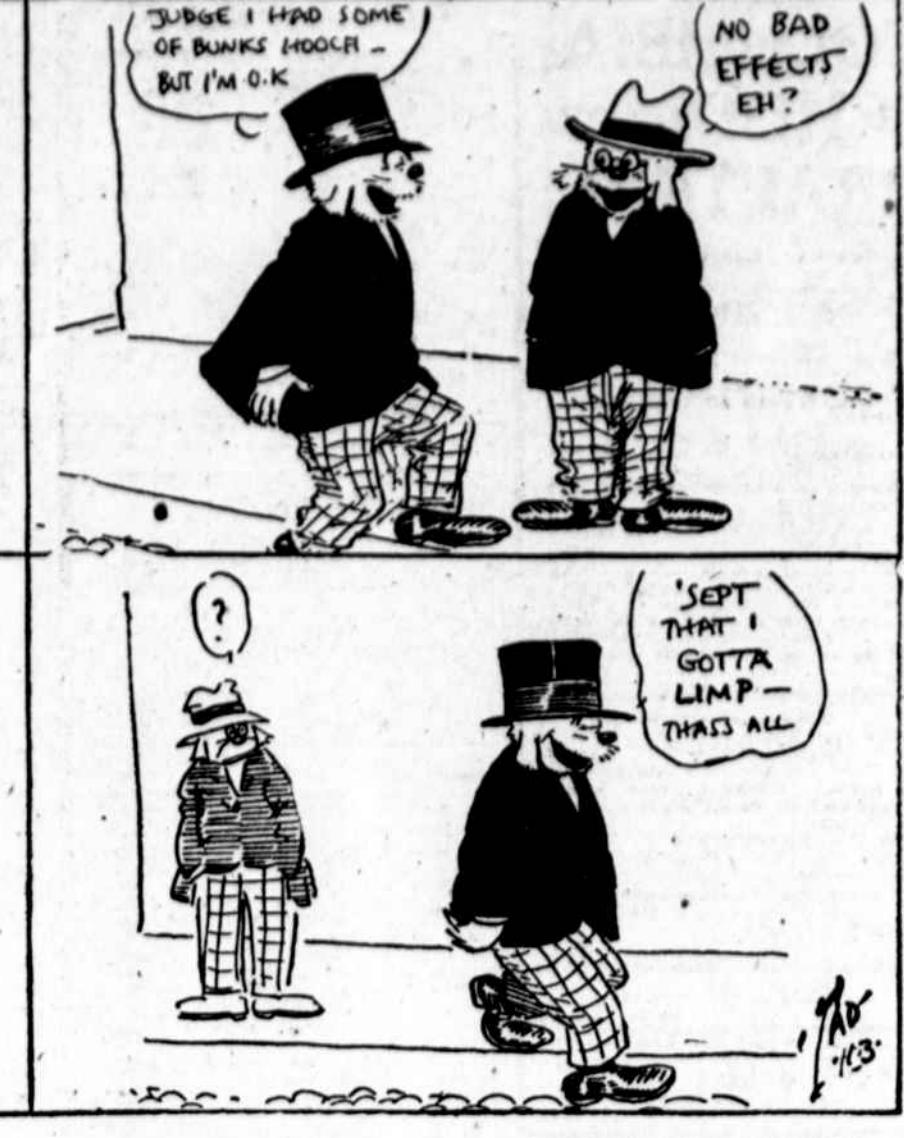
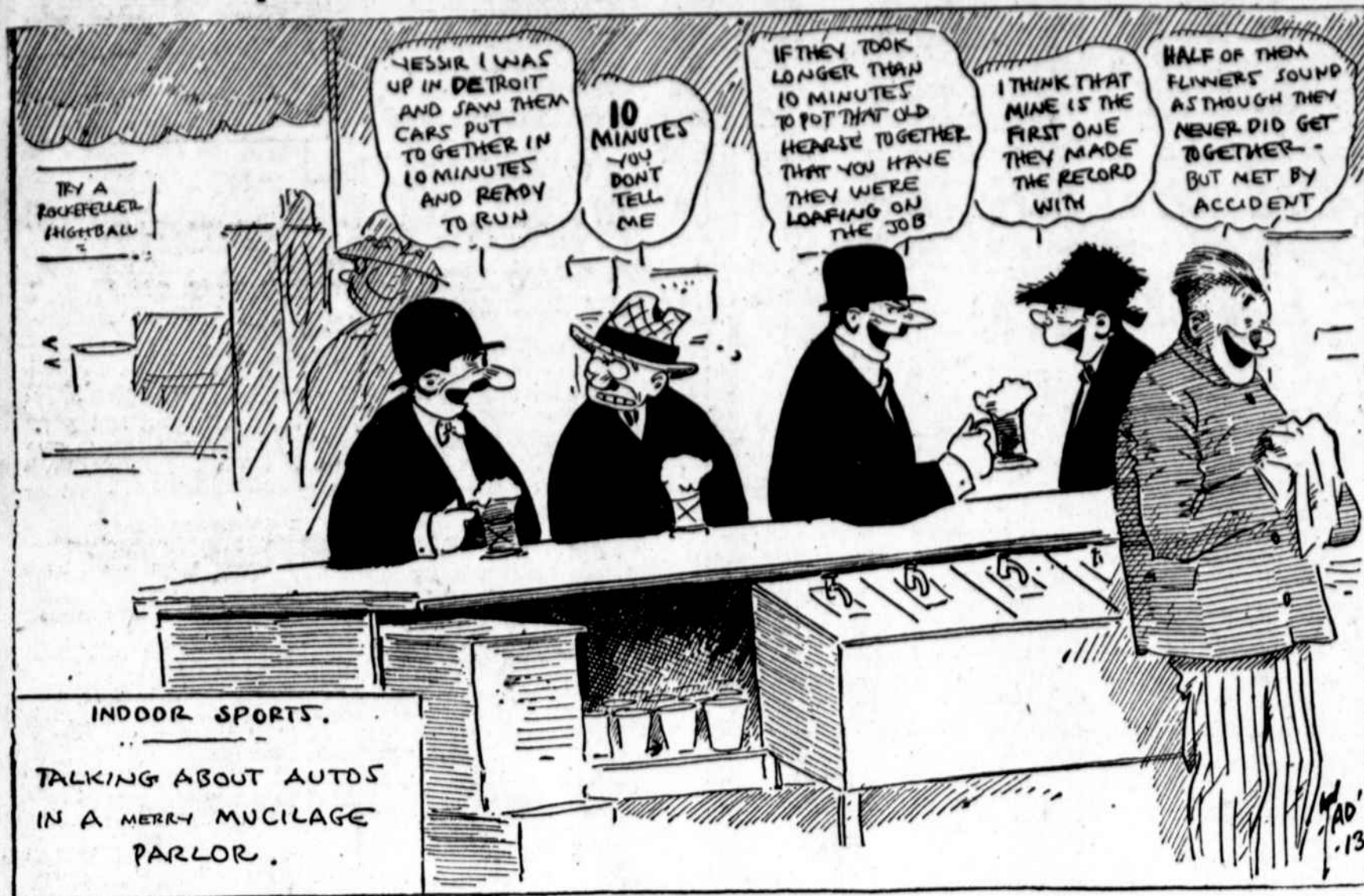
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Harry's Stride Was Strong



LOOKING 'EM OVER

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Griffs in Shape for Opener

BOSTON, April 13.—The Griffins' final preparation for the 1920 American League campaign comes right here at Fenway Park today. To lose no time, President Griffith has cooped his athletes in a hotel within view of the ball yard. It's a nice hotel, with swinging doors, palms in the lobby and a vamp telephone operator who faces one grand summer, if the American League teams all doff their lids in her house. No traveling salesman ever began to have the hot air that a major leaguer, especially a fourth-string performer, can exude to a listening operator. Yes, this girl seems in for a fine season.

If wordy confidence means anything, tomorrow's opening game is already in. The Griffs have copped, that's all there is to it. At the same time, one or two of the boys do admit, after long cross-examination, that the game will have to be played out to the end. That's only because the league rules require such action. It's a waste of time, to be sure, but Ban Johnson, darn him, is always doing something like that.

A good, stiff workout for the pitchers and a long batting and fielding drill for the rest of the gang is on the books for today. Only a New England blizzard can prevent the Old Fox from dragging his shivering athletes out for their practice stunts. One or two of the boys believe it's now blizzarding, so sharp is the breeze blowing down Commonwealth avenue, headed for the ocean and the Irish republic off there somewhere. B-r-r-r! It is cold.

A Boston scribe sauntered into the Griffs' hotel today. He knew the Washington club's new president, called him "Griff," just like that, and shook his fist.

"How's the team?" asked the scribe, lighting one of Griff's cigars in true

Batting Orders For Tomorrow.

BOSTON, April 13.—While they are subject to last minute changes, the probable batting orders of the Red Sox and Griffs for tomorrow's opening game of the season at Fenway Park are as follows:

GRIFFS. Judge, 1b. Milan, 1f. Rice, cf. Roth, rf. Shannon, 3b. Gharriy, c. Fieich, c. O'Neill, ss. Harris, 2b. Johnson, p. Shaw, p. Schacht, p. Erickson, p.

RED SOX. Hooper, rf. McNally, 2b. Menosky, 1f. Hendryx, cf. McInnis, 1b. Foster, 3b. Scott, ss. Walters, c. Devine, c. Bush, p. Pennock, p. Hoyt, p. Jones, p.

He than Washington. I'd rather be in Washington than anywhere else in the country, and I'm not kidding. When the fans get a line on my youngsters at home, say—there'll be excitement at Georgia avenue every day."

Then President Griffith gave the Boston scribe another cigar, recognizing the difficulty of doing anything better in these dry times, and prepared to take his gang over to Fenway Park for their light exercise.

McBride Seems Happy.

George McBride, who will hop into the managerial shoes before long, seems mighty happy these days. We conferred with George, who is an old friend of ours.

"What's the idea behind the smiles, George?" we asked.

"Why not smile," he shot back, "when everything looks as good as it does?"

"Does it?" we replied, wittily.

"That's what it does. We've got a good ball club this year. I honestly think it about as good as our 1912 club, and you know how good that was. No, I don't claim any pennant, but at last we've started on the climb. You may have to give us that nickname of Climbers again."

Should Finish Series.

Unless something happens and it rains the Griffins should finish the series here. It is cold, darn cold, we'll say, but Boston fans are accustomed to that, and red flannels ward off pneumonia far better than do beevees.

It is today for Ed Barrow to cancel the initial clash of the 1920 campaign.

Boston scribes, who had about given up the ghost, have switched around a bit of late. The Red Sox showed some class against the Giants toward the end of their spring series, and now the fans are backing the Sox to take at least three of the four games to be played here by the Griffs.

Boston is boxing crazy, and half a dozen clubs are in operation. This is reaches for McBride, Milan, Johnson and Gharriy who are confirmed ranks on the many art. There'll be nany a party downtown this week when the ring shows are staged.

If strong words and smiles mean anything in baseball, the Griffins look ready for the campaign. They're one continued grin all the time, even with that bitter wind racing past the doors.

PREPS WILL PLAY.

Georgetown Preps will play West-ern High School on Friday. The teams have met in a practice session before this season.

WILL CALL PRESIDENTS.

H. G. Winslow, of the Terminal Y., has called a meeting of all amateur league presidents for Thursday night at the New Ebbitt Hotel.

PLAYS AT HOMEWOOD.

Maryland State College lacrosse players go to Baltimore today to play Johns Hopkins University. Hopkins is expected to win handily.

INTERCITY BOUTS ON ARDMORE CARD

Mike Uraine Battles Sailor Smith in Ten-Round Final Clash Tonight.

It will be Washington vs. Baltimore tonight at Ardmore. Three lads from the Monumental City are down on the program to mix it with as many young boxers who call the Capital home. The Baltimore boys are bringing over a cheering section to see that they get plenty of vocal support.

Mike Uraine Washington's "Fighting Cop," mingles with Sailor Jack Smith, of Baltimore, in the ten-round final bout of the evening. These two are middleweights, they are trained to the minute, and each packs the old kick. Betting around town today was that the contest would reach the limit of ten rounds.

Smith is a youngster who is being trained carefully by the late Captain Filling, to take his place among the foremost middleweights in the country. In all his recent matches he has flattened his opponents with terrific blows to the jaw. He will try the medicine upon Mike Uraine tonight.

"Mike has yet to be knocked out," said Uraine today, "and I can't see this Smith doing it. He may find himself in trouble long before he gets his haymaker ready. I'll be right there whenever he's looking for trouble."

The semi-final of six rounds is attracting considerable attention, for little Patsy Donovan, the navy yard flyweight, takes on Kid Burke, of Baltimore. Patsy usually knocks out his opponent, and he is going to do that thing tonight.

Johnny Ray, Tommy Lowe's protege, is in for a real test in his six-round bout with Johnny Daly, of Baltimore, but he is confident of winning even if the bout does go the limit.

Manager Sullivan has two more preliminary contests on his program and starting on time, he hopes to have the fans back in town by midnight.

CENTRAL WANTS BATTLE FOR TODAY OR TOMORROW

Mt. Pleasant Lads, Victorious On Trip, Want to Prepare for Baltimoreans.

Central High School baseball players are on the still hunt for a game either today or tomorrow. The Mt. Pleasant lads, with three wins and two ties in the recent trip through Virginia are to be pointed for week end games.

Coach C. A. Metzler now has the Central lads going along in first-class shape and expects to point them for two hard games the latter part of the week.

Baltimore Poly is to play Central here on Friday afternoon, and it is expected that the American League Park will be used. On Saturday the Central lads will go to Baltimore to play the Baltimore City College team.

WILL SELECT UMPIRES.

High school faculty athletic advisers will select umpires and the ground upon which the series will be played at a meeting today.

SPRING WORK AT NAVY.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 13.—Bob Folwell, football coach of the midshipmen, will handle the football candidates in spring practice four times a week for awhile.

ARMY MEDICS START.

Army Medical School players get a start tomorrow afternoon in meeting Tech High on the Monument Lot.

BARRACKS MEN READY.

Washington Barracks men want baseball games. The education and recreation officer Lt. William M. Emerson, Washington Barracks, should be addressed.

REX MEN TO WORK.

Rex Athletic Club players get practice today in preparation for the Sunday game with the Quantico Marines.

SMITH LOSES TO GEORGES ON FOUL; HOWL IS HEARD

In the fifth round Smith, who had revived with a minute's rest, added to what he had taken on the floor, held his own easily enough and the honors were about even. The bout came to a sudden ending in the sixth.

Just what happened will probably never be known, as no two accounts of the circumstance agree. According to Smith he floored Carpenter, who quickly started to get to his feet. The Gunner claims he had started another punch and that when he saw he was taking a chance of fouling Carpenter by hitting him before he got up he checked the blow, which just grazed his head. Then, says Smith, Carpenter flattened out on the floor and Smith was declared to have lost on a foul.

Carpenter's version is that he slipped to the floor and that just as he was rising Smith hit him a heavy blow behind the ear. American fans who witnessed the bout stated afterward that Referee Corri's ruling was an injustice to Smith, but admitted that Carpenter had much the better of the Gunner.

Immediately after the bout with Smith Carpenter started back to Paris to answer his country's call to the colors, but before going into the army he had one more bout, winning from Kid Jackson on a foul in four rounds at Bordeaux. The boxing he did while in the army, where he won the Medal Militaire and the Croix de Guerre with three palm leaves, was negligible. But he did enough boxing and took enough exercise to keep himself in the best of physical trim, and, though wounded twice, he managed to escape serious physical damage. He was in the aviation branch of the French army.

Here It Is

"Seems to me these fellows going out on strikes are a leetle bit ahead of the opening of the season," says Hyattsville Harry.

NONPAREILS STRENGTHEN LEAD IN TIMES' LEAGUE

Picas Drop Two to Diamonds While Agates Fight Off Minions in Close Ones.

Nonpareil bowlers broke the tie and strengthened their lead in the Times Bowling League by taking three straight from the Breviers. The Picas, recently making claim for honors, fell the wayside, the Diamonds taking their measure in two of the three battles.

The Agates fought off the Minions and gained the decision although all three games were closely contested. Here's how they stand today:

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Nonpareils.....	19	5	.791
Picas.....	17	7	.708
Agates.....	12	12	.500
Diamonds.....	12	12	.500
Breviers.....	9	15	.375
Minions.....	3	21	.125

McAlwee, of the Agates, is leading with thirteen strikes while Cahoon is topping the others with thirty-six spares.

Yesterday's games resulted as follows:

Diamonds.....	452	499	470—1430
Picas.....	485	461	466—1412
Breviers.....	429	439	431—1299
Nonpareils.....	472	455	459—1386
Agates.....	440	455	453—1348
Minions.....	439	458	433—1343

Defeats Joe Beckett.

Descamps, always wary, determined that Carpenter should not be enticed into the ring until he had time to get into the best of condition, and thus it was not until last December that Beckett and Carpenter faced each other in London to decide who was who in heavyweight title circles in the Old World.

The case with which Carpenter defended his championship against Beckett is all too fresh in the minds of American boxing fans for recounting here. Suffice it to recall that he knocked Beckett out after fifty seconds of fighting in the first round with a deliberately measured right smash to the jaw and then lifted his opponent—heavy though he was—and helped him to his corner.

A feature connected with this bout, and not generally known, has to do with the Prince of Wales. The prince was in the royal box at the ringside. He was smoking a cigar. After watching the boxers for perhaps half a minute he stooped to tread the fire out of his weed and when he looked up again Beckett was on the floor, with the referee tolling off the fatal ten.

The prince had missed the knock-out punch, but he cordially congratulated Carpenter and expressed his sympathy with Beckett, trying to console with him:

"Never mind, Joe. Better luck next time, old chap."

(To Be Continued.)

CHESTERTOWN LADS HERE FOR BATTLES

Washington College Players Open Week With Game at Maryland State.

Washington College, made famous in the year 1909 when Mike Thompson first took hold of football there, is in town today.

The Chestertown lads will play the Maryland State College team at College Park this afternoon and tomorrow will skip over to Georgetown to make a stand against the Hilltoppers.

These two battles are the first of a number of attractive collegiate engagements for the week. Tufts College, of Medford, Mass., a late spring arrival, is here for three contests.

Thursday the Tufts players tackle Catholic University, Friday Maryland State is met, and Saturday the Georgetown lads take a crack at the Tufts players. The Massachusetts men have always had exceptional baseball teams, and this year's aggregation is quite up to standard.

RACQUET CLUBMEN ON COURTS TODAY

Suburban League Players Start Tennis Season in Meeting C. U. Netmen.

The honor of opening the 1920 tennis season falls to the Racquet Club today if weather conditions warrant the scheduled match with the Catholic University racqueters.

The Racquet Club players have been on the job every time it has been possible to play this spring. Catholic University is known to have a string of first-class players.

Ben F. Price, Thad Benton, Cecil Dowd, Ed Dowd, Alec Burnitzky, J. D. Skinner, Owen Hownstein, P. R. Charshee, and Joe Dowd will probably represent the Racquet Club.

Today's match is the first of a series of engagements for the Suburban League club. Georgetown University players have been listed for the date of April 28. Maryland State, Johns Hopkins University, and the Baltimore Country Club have also been scheduled.

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